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Nation hosts Share the Care Cancer Conference



John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On May 4-5, the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted the "Share the Care 2010 Cancer Conference" held at Ho-

Chunk Convention Center. "Share the Care" is an annual event that focuses on the causes, prevention and living with a disease that

strikes an estimated 1.5 million Americans annually. Approximately 200 attended this year's conference and heard speakers

discuss topics ranging from dealing with mental challenges associated with coping with the disease to the side effects that often accompany

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Cancer survivors (l-r) Maxine Kolner (Ho-Chunk), Robert Danforth, Sr. (Oneida), Crystal Johnson-Deschinn (Forest County Potawatomi) and Doreen Wawronowicz (Lac du Flambeau of Chippewa) shared their stories at "Share the Care 2010."

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Possible changes in childrens trust fund

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Financial Education Requirement

The Children of the Nation are given the tools to create a better future. The children of the Ho-Chunk Nation are given a unique opportunity to begin their adult lives with a significant amount of money at their disposal. Teaching them how to protect that money as they grow older is an incredibly valuable tool to promote the financial health of not only the individuals, but also the Nation as a whole.

The financial education requirement will consist of an online course that will last 3-6 hours that can be done at any place with internet access. Currently, the Eastern Band of Cherokees are using a similar program. The curriculum is planned to have both financial education components and Hocak Wak-sik Wosga components in it. The financial education workshops that are currently available will continue to serve the community.

Enhanced Return Option

Fifth Third has designed an option for the Childrens Trust Fund in conjunction with the Office of the President that

will allow the children to invest in stocks in a prudent manner. The portfolios are designed to maximize the investment return when they are young but will get more conservative as a child gets older in accordance with their pay out.

The addition of equities to the portfolio will mean that children could see their payouts at age 18 increase dramatically but there is also a small possibility of loss of money put in. The investment style has had tremendous thought put into it and other tribes that already invest in this manner have been contacted for their input.

The old investment model will still be available for children if their parents feel that they are risk averse they can continue with the old portfolio. The children's parents would have one opportunity to choose the age based portfolio or the old portfolio on a designated date set by Fifth Third Bank.

Survey

Fifth Third Bank will be mailing surveys out for feedback on these options to all participants in the trust in the coming month. The survey can also be found at the following weblink www.surveygizmo.com/s3/277823/Ho-Chunk

Age 0-6 years old	80% Equity	20% Fixed Income
Ages 7-12	60% Equity	40% Fixed Income
Ages 13-16	40% Equity	60% Fixed Income
Ages 17+	10% Equity	90% Fixed Income

Why? Recently, the biggest financial threat to the Childrens Trust Fund is rising interest rates. Currently, the Childrens Trust Fund is invested fully in bonds. As interest rates rise bond prices go down. This could lead to poor investment returns and possible losses. Also, when interest rates rise inflation begins to set in. This would mean that even though they didn't lose any money, the money that they would have wouldn't be worth as much. For example, a gallon of gas in 1999 cost much less than it does now.

These threats would have a devastating effect on the Childrens Trust Fund if they didn't have an option to diversify their trust fund. This also could be a potential liability to the Nation and Fifth Third if it was decided that the fiduciaries of the fund did not invest in a prudent manner to protect against inflation and interest rate risk.

Who? The children that are currently in the trust fund and any future children in the trust fund would be affected by this change. Parents of children that choose not to "opt-out" of the new portfolio will be automatically put in the new portfolio.

Cost: The cost for the old portfolio would stay the same at .09% (\$.09 for every \$100)

The new portfolio would have increased costs because

of strategic planning and more complicated trading. (.50%=\$.50 for every \$100)

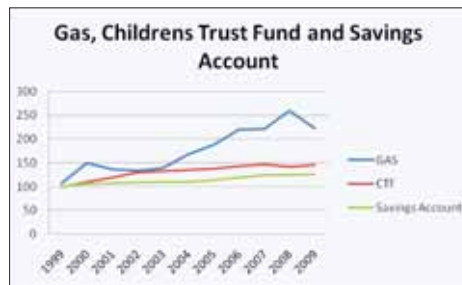
Age 0-6	0.5031%
Age 7-12	0.3980%
Age 13-16	0.2929%
Age 17+	0.1771%

What will be the investments? The investments in the new portfolio will be invested in low cost and simple index funds. The funds are designed to match their respective benchmark and are very economical.

When? Fifth Third will establish a date if the desire is strong enough to move forward with this option.

Bottomline: The children will have an investment options to protect against inflation and maximize their return. If the children's parents do not want to take any additional risk they can still continue to invest in the old portfolio.

If you have any questions feel free to contact Curt Bal-last at 616-653-5235 or Christine Holm at 312-704-5518.



-PUBLIC NOTICE-

HCN CIVIL RULES & PROCEDURES RULE 58 (B) MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION PUBLIC COMMENT

THIS PUBLIC COMMENT IS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CURRENT HCN RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RULE 58 (B). THE SUPREME COURT IS ALLOWING FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS OF PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES. THE REVISED LANGUAGE WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL ADOPTION ON JUNE 05, 2010. WRITTEN COMMENTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY MAIL, EMAIL OR FAX TO TARI PETTIBONE, SUPREME COURT CLERK. ORAL COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE JUNE MONTHLY MEETING AT THE HCN COURTHOUSE. ANY QUESTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO TARI PETTIBONE, HCN SUPREME COURT CLERK.

THANK YOU.

Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 58 (B) which currently reads as follows:

(B) Motion for Reconsideration. Upon motion of the Court or by motion of a party made not later than ten (10) calendar days after entry of judgment, the Court may amend its findings or conclusions or make additional findings or conclusions, amending the judgment accordingly. The motion may be made with a motion for a new trial. If the Court amends the judgment, the time for initiating an appeal commences upon entry of the amended judgment. If the Court denies a motion filed under this Rule, the time for initiating an appeal from the judgment commences when the Court denies the motion on the record or when an order denying the motion is entered, whichever occurs first. If within thirty (30) days after the filing of such motion, and the Court does not decide a motion under this Rule or the judge does not sign an order denying the motion, the motion is considered denied. The time for initiating an appeal from judgment commences in accordance with the *Rules of Appellate Procedure*.

Revised language:

(B) Motion for Reconsideration. Upon motion of the Court or by motion of a party made not later than **ten (10) business days after receipt of judgment**, the Court may amend its findings or conclusions or make additional findings or conclusions, amending the judgment accordingly. The motion may be made with a motion for a new trial. If the Court amends the judgment, the time for initiating an appeal commences upon entry of the amended judgment. If the Court denies a motion filed under this Rule, the time for initiating an appeal from the judgment commences when the Court denies the motion on the record or when an order denying the motion is entered, whichever occurs first. If within thirty (30) days after the filing of such motion, and the Court does not decide a motion under this Rule or judge does not sign an order denying the motion, the motion is considered denied. The time for initiating an appeal from judgment commences in accordance with the *Rule of Appellate Procedure*.

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Ho-Chunk Nation TAX CODE

WHERE: Ho-Chunk Nation Hotel and Convention Center
WHEN: Saturday, June 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
PURPOSE: Review and Comment on proposed *Tax Code* (5 HCC § 10)
REASON: Provide public forum for Tribal Members to voice their concerns, raise any questions, or express their support or opposition to the proposed *Tax Code*

The Legislature scheduled a public hearing on the proposed *Tax Code* per a Resolution adopted at its Legislative Session on April 20, 2010 and in accordance with the *Legislative Organization Act* (2 HCC § 11) and the *Open Meetings Act* (2 HCC § 2). This will provide Tribal Members an opportunity to hear the reasons the Legislature is considering enacting a *Tax Code*. **The proposed version of the Tax Code is on the Nation's website and Legislative webpage in the forty-five day public comment section.** In addition, any Tribal Member may contact Melanie Stacy in the Legislative Office to have the current version of the *Tax Code* mailed to him or her. This proposed version incorporates the comments from Tribal Members and motions made at District Meetings when the Legislature placed the *Tax Code* out for forty-five day public comment.

****PUBLIC NOTICE****

HO-CHUNK MEMBERS NEEDED!!!!

AS HO-CHUNK MEMBER CITIZENS AND U.S. CITIZENS, IT IS IMPERATIVE TO THE SURVIVAL OF OUR NATION THAT YOU ARE COUNTED IN THE UNITED STATES CENSUS ALONG WITH ALL 6500+ HO-CHUNK MEMBERS. TEN YEARS AGO, ONLY 900+ OF US WERE COUNTED AND FUNDING TO THE NATION HAS BEEN EXTREMELY MINIMAL, LIMITING THE NATION'S ABILITY TO MEET THE RESOURCE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS. WE, THE NATION, NEED FOR YOU TO BE COUNTED IN THE U.S. CENSUS SO THAT WE MAY QUALIFY FOR THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF FUNDING.

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Call Questionnaire Assistance Line at 866-872-6868 and give your answers over the phone.

Good times at the LaCrosse Fitness Festival!



Part of Team Ho-Chunk Nation

Kathleen Clemons Exercise Physiologist

It was a beautiful day on Sunday, May 2nd for the 2nd Annual LaCrosse Fitness Festival. The Ho-Chunk Nation was one of the sponsors and there were many people that were either competing in the races or volunteering to help the races run smoothly.

Three teams entered the Marathon Relay this year. This consists of a team of four runners and each has to run a leg of the race ranging from 6 to 7 miles. The teams this year were the Ho-Chunk Legs (Chris Seguin, Susan Weber, Eli Weber, Kathleen Clemons) and they finished in a time of

3:44:44, placing 7th out of 53 teams and taking 2nd place in the Corporate Challenge. The other two teams were Team Ho-Chunk Nation (Diane Rave, Kjetil Garvin, Clarence Pettibone, Joan Greendeer-Lee) finishing in a time of 4:50:14 and Team Chargers (Frank Thunder, Pam Larson, Mary Thunder, Nyree Kedrowski) for a time of 6:22:47. Good job to the teams for entering and finishing!

Stuart Rave competed in the Half-Marathon and completed it in a time of 2:11:44, 6 minutes faster than last year. Good job Stuart! Their daughter (Stuart and Diane's)

Natalie also competed in the Kid's races that were held on Saturday, May 1st and was proudly wearing her finisher's medal.

A special thank you goes out to all the volunteers who were working near the finish line. It was nice to have the Drum Group near the end encouraging all the runners who were coming in tired and just wanting to cross that finish line! We hope to see many people out there again next year! Next event coming up is the Louella Blackdeer Fun Run – mark it in your calendar and we will see you there!

Night of Remembrance to benefit Ho-Chunk Cancer project

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Along with honoring cancer survivors and remembering those who have died from the disease, this year participants in the "Night of Remembrance" to be held at the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-Wow Grounds, will be given a chance to compete and at the same time raise money for the Ho-Chunk Cancer Project.

Health Educator Louise Voss encourages those who wish to participate in the walk to form a team with their friends or co-workers and solicit pledges for their participation.

The team that earns the most dollars will receive a plaque they can keep and display for the next year.

In past years money raised typically went to the American Cancer Society. While she noted that was a worthy cause, Voss stated that keeping the money for the Ho-Chunk Cancer Project will specifically help Ho-Chunk patients. Typically, uses for the money would be gas money to travel to a doctor's appointment or the purchase of smaller items typically not covered by insurance.

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The Hocak Worak needs your help! If anyone has a change of address, first contact enrollment at 800-294-9343 at ext. 1015 and secondly, call the Hocak Worak at ext. 1006 once changes have been made with enrollment.

If your name is on this list, your Hocak Worak Newsletter is being returned to us. We are in need of your new address. Remember the first and second step!

Lucasta Snowball	Jose Ortiz	Alecia Webster
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Thank you,
Hocak Worak Staff

ATTENTION: The NEXT DEADLINE of the Hocak Worak will be May 21th, which will be published on May 28th. Please contact Enrollment at ext. 1015 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



Part of Team Chargers



Team Ho-Chunk Legs

A Night of Remembrance

Join us in honoring Survivors of Cancer and in the remembrance of those that have gone on.

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Powwow Grounds

Black River Falls

5pm ~ Meal

4pm-6pm ~ Luninary Sales

6pm-7pm ~ Drum-Program

7pm-10pm ~ Walk & DJ

Contact Louise Voss @ 715-284-9851 Ext. 5053 to register individually or your team.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Cancer Task Force is not responsible for accidents and all children under 12 years of age attending this event need to be supervised by an adult. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Llama Mafia member tells her story

Others respond

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Staff Writer

An admitted member of the Llama Mafia, a group of young women in Black River Falls suspected of being involved in criminal gang activity, "The Instigator" denies those allegations. She acknowledged that while some members of the group do drink alcohol illegally, all other rumors about the girls are untrue. Most of the information is just a result of misunderstandings, she said.

The Llama Mafia started in 2008 following someone bringing a llama to school one day. A group of girls jokingly started calling themselves llamas. "We began a hand sign of using our thumbs touching the middle and ring fingers with the pinkie and index fingers pointed upward, imitating a llama. We were joking around. We don't consider ourselves a gang."

Told that law enforcement defines a gang as three or more people with a common identifying sign, symbol or name who individually or as a group commit criminal acts, "The Instigator" believes that law enforcement is mistakenly applying that criminal behavior to the Llama Mafia. She denies charges the group has been involved with or been influenced by other gangs. She added that to her knowledge, Ho-Chunk youth

in line to get their trust fund money have not been recruited by outside gangs as law enforcement officials' claim.

Asked if the group would consider doing something considered positive to change what some believe, she replied they have considered organizing a cleanup of Mission Road in the near future.

She concluded that while some have suggested that learning the Ho-Chunk culture would be a sign of positive behavior, most of the girls already know the culture. She stressed that while some of the girls have witnessed alcohol abuse, it is not fair to blame the families for any alleged behavior of the Llama Mafia. She said that while law enforcement has invited the girls to speak with them, no law enforcement official has directly contacted any member of the group. "I'd like to call them and talk," she said.

Jackson County law officer, Sgt. Mike Johnson reports that while "The Instigator" claims the group has not participated in any criminal activity, other than underage drinking, several members of the Llama Mafia are facing criminal charges.

Earlier, Special Agent Greg Phillips with Wisconsin Department of Justice explained how because it's known that

Ho-Chunk students receive their trust fund money when they graduate, those same students became targets for gang recruiters from the Chicago and the Twin Cities. Because the Ho-Chunk communities of Wisconsin Dells, Tomah and Black River Falls are all right off I-94, Ho-Chunk youth are even more vulnerable to gang exposure, Phillips warned.

With a new group of students ready to graduate and receive their trust funds, Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Director of Education, Forrest Funmaker is concerned that in the near future the reported gang incidents may only escalate. Along with giving youth a reason not to pursue a higher education, Funmaker fears that in some cases, the money itself is the reason for some of the poor decisions recent graduates are making.

"Most of the kids don't understand how the money could benefit their entire lives."

Though "The Instigator" claims that people associated with the Llama Mafia may be committing crimes outside the group, Funmaker believes that if that were true, the members who claim their innocence should be encouraging those members to stop that behavior. "So should the entire Ho-Chunk community," he said. "We need to make our own kids more accountable."

Funmaker suggested that

the cause of today's problems is linked to a lack of mentors willing to pass on traditional Ho-Chunk values. Doubting "The Instigator's" claim that she is familiar with the Ho-Chunk value system, he said that the Nation's members need to find a balance between the Clan System, the Legislature, General Council and the Executive Branch.

We need to develop a system that will encourage our youth to learn, he said. He believes that the Legislature should consider different alternatives when discussing the distribution of the trust fund money, including that recipients need to attend financial literacy and culture classes. He worries that currently the money distributed to recent graduates is providing no benefit to the nation.

Funmaker added that he believes that members associated with the Llama Mafia need to address the community and express a willingness to provide community service work as a means of clearing up what they perceive as a misunderstanding about the group's activities.

He acknowledged that although the Nation, the Black River Falls School District and various law enforcement agencies have done a good job creating an awareness of the problem, more needs to be done. He fears that in some

cases "our kids haven't learned anything."

Noting that while the lack of tribal police makes it more difficult to impose traditional sentences to those found guilty of a crime, Funmaker believes that the General Council could remove individuals from the rolls if convicted of gang activity.

Asked what it would take for more members of the community to get involved working to eliminate a social problem, Funmaker replies "the first death." He concluded that those currently concerned about reported gang activities, "want to stop that first death."

Although the problem occurring now may not be as big as the problems that bigger inner cities face on a daily basis, but the signs are there and need to be taken care of before it gets to that point.

The above story is a response to previous articles detailing how the Black River Falls and Wisconsin Dells are taking a pro-active approach to what law enforcement officials have described as a gang problem in Black River Falls. Some of the information was taken from an article that appeared in the March 31, 2010 edition of the Jackson County Chronicle. The women identified as Rachel in that story and "The Instigator" is the same person.

Legislature schedules public hearing

Proposed Tax Code to be discussed

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On June 19 the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature will be hosting a public hearing on the proposed Tax Code adopted by the Legislature on April 20.

The hearing which is scheduled to be held at Ho-Chunk Convention Center beginning at 10:00 a.m. will provide a forum for tribal members with concerns or questions about the proposal which would establish a new tax on fuel or tobacco products sold on tribal land. A tax would also be imposed on guests staying in the Nation's transient lodging establishments.

The expected revenue will be used to fund health, safety and general welfare programs designed to benefit Ho-Chunk Nation members. The Legislature believes "the imposition of taxes is an appropriate method of generating revenues for the Ho-Chunk Nation and paying for a portion of the costs of governmental services and programs incident to the preservation of tribal existence and the continued economic development of the Ho-Chunk Nation." Critics of the taxes fear the added costs to the consumer may take away the "competitive advantage" they believe the Nation enjoys while selling fuel and tobacco products on tribal properties.

Proposed taxes include one cent (.01) per gallon of fuel and one dollar (\$1.00) per pack of cigarettes sold. A room tax of \$5.00 per night per room will be applied to guests staying in Ho-Chunk owned hotels.

Department of Business Retail Operations Manager Rob Reider explained that once the tax is imposed the retail outlet determines how much to increase the retail price. For example, though the tax on cigarettes would be one dollar per pack, the retail price increase may not be the full one dollar. He stated that based on past sales the new taxes could generate an estimated \$7,000,000 annually.

All tax payments will be made to the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business who will in turn furnish information to a Tax Commission, a public agency established by the Nation. The Tax Commission will deliver to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee of the Ho-Chunk Legislature a monthly statement on all collections made and the tax money received.

Within two months of the end of each fiscal year, the Tax Commission has the authority to permanently suspend the tax if the sales of fuel and/or tobacco or the occupancy rate in Ho-Chunk transient lodging establishments drop by 20 percent or

more from the previous fiscal year and the Tax Commission determines the main reason for the decrease sales is the imposition of the tax.

Revenues generated by the proposed taxes will be used in a number of ways.

Last November the Legislature passed Resolution 11-17-09M that provided the Legislature "will financially support the Nation's effort to complete a Healing Center to secure our future generations' healthy well being." From the taxes collected, up to 25 percent of the revenue will be allocated for the creation and continued support for the actual operation of a Ho-Chunk Healing Center for Addiction.

Up to 20 percent of the revenue generated by the Tax Code shall be allocated to an account dedicated to fund health insurance costs associated with covering health insurance costs of Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members.

Up to four percent of the revenue generated by the Tax Code shall be allocated to set up a pension plan for Ho-Chunk Nation tribal elders who worked for the Nation.

Up to five percent of the revenues generated by the Tax Code shall be allocated to programs established to prevent Ho-Chunk Nation members, particularly the youth, from using or becoming addicted to tobacco products.

Up to 10 percent of the revenues generated by the Tax Code shall be used to fund capital projects and land acquisitions on behalf of the Nation. The Legislature shall designate the capital projects to be budgeted.

Up to 10 percent of the revenue generated by the Tax Code shall be allocated to Ho-Chunk tribal members with disabilities. A line item shall grant funds and other types of donations for individual tribal

members who are disabled. Programs to fund or what assistance to provide will be determined by the Legislature.

The remainder of the revenue generated by the Tax Code will go into the General Fund.

The Tax Code that applies to all sales of fuel, lodging and tobacco products would take effect 90 days after approval of the Tax Code by the Legislature.

Conference

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various cancer treatments. Traditional healer Ray Sandman shared his knowledge on the roles that tobacco and herbal medicines can play in treating cancer patients.

Members of Wisconsin's Pink Shawl Initiative explained their "Dream the Cure" project, designed "to raise awareness and educate the American Indian Community and people worldwide about cancer."

Four cancer survivors shared their stories, including the fears and challenges associated with living with the disease.

Throughout the event Elliott Funmaker served as Master of Ceremonies, Norman Snake, Sr. offered the prayers and the Lake Delton Singers provided traditional Ho-Chunk songs.

Along with the Ho-Chunk Nation, sponsors of "Share the Care 2010" included Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Tobacco Network, American Cancer Society, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin, Spirit of EAGLES and the Wisconsin Well Women Program.

Ho-Chunk Nation Education Fair

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

With graduation season just around the corner, the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department held an education fair at the Tribal Office Building on May 6. Students and parents of high school graduates were given a heads up to start thinking about college after high school, as well as to provide a better understanding of what programs are available through the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Approximately 200 people attended the education fair throughout the afternoon. Schools present with educational booths were: UW-Eau Claire, UW-La Crosse, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and Western Wisconsin Technical College. Other

booths involved at the fair were from Community Relations, Vocational Rehabilitation for Native Americans (VRNA), the Language Apprenticeship Division, and Financial Literacy.

Ho-Chunkgra head-start's children kicked off the fair with singing of the Ho-Chunk Nation's welcome song and flag song. Following the entertainment, an open discussion was held for concerned parents and Ho-Chunk Nation's youth on the requirements for the children's trust fund. The education department is looking into possibly setting up more requirements for the youth to be able to receive their trust fund monies. One requirement looking at getting set into place, besides a high school diploma and being 18 years of age, would be having what



Ho-Chunkgra head-start's children singing the Welcome song.



Team "Good Thunder" and Team "N Lightning" thinking hard on the Challenge Bowl questions.

is called a Ho-Chunk High School Diploma.

Some thoughts behind including the Ho-Chunk Diploma in the trust fund requirements are many do not feel as though Ho-Chunk Nation is preserving the heritage. Requirements to receive the Ho-Chunk diploma would be to learn the Ho-Chunk language and culture, creative thinking and speech skills, as well as a financial literacy aspect.

To end the fair on a positive learning experience the education department set up a game called the Challenge Bowl. With four rounds of questions, four teams which included

a high school student who was paired up with a Ho-Chunk tribal member were asked questions about Ho-Chunk history, language and culture. Team 3, Hohira, took home the gold after a tight race to win the game.

The Ho-Chunk Nation's Education Department is looking for more input from parents and Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members on the children's trust fund money requirements. To submit comments or thoughts please contact HCN's Executive Director of Education Forrest Funmaker at forrest.funmaker@ho-chunk.com or 1-800-294-9343 ext 1269.

Native American Week results

Submitted by Priscilla Cleveland,
Tomah Indian Education
Coordinator-Teacher

On behalf of the students and parents, thank you for supporting the Tomah Area School District students, grades Headstart-12, in celebrating their annual Native American Awareness/Diversity Week. We would also like to thank the many people who assisted in the activities this week:

Artisans – Elena Terry, Bonnie Bird, Heidi Bird, Sarah Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Blackdeer, Heather Green, Louisa Mainu, Rita King Swan, Judy Buffalo, Angela Ward, Margaret Garvin and Sharon Green

Speaker – Dr. Don Bartlette is a full-time public speaker throughout the United States and Canada. He tells of his life story in his presentation called *Macaroni At Midnight*. It is about his experiences as an Indian child growing up with severe speech and physical handicaps in an environment of poverty, child abuse, family violence, racism and alcoholism. His testimony is highlighted in his two films, *Believing for the Best in You* and *When Nobody Love You*. *Macaroni at Midnight* is being made into a feature film and he has a book in the works.

Mini Pow-wows – (Singers) Wis-

consin Dells Singers, (MC) Elliot Funmaker, (Dancers) Priscilla Cleveland, Debbie Crowe, Pearl Crowe, Rita (Siga) Blackdeer, Violet Blackdeer, Barbara Kmetz, LaToya Guy, Katelyn Bird, Mya Estebo, Zamantha Funmaker, Allie Hopinkah, Jonnie Houghton, Lael Hall, Jasmine Kagigebi, Sabrina Scarce, Shila Pemberton, Waukon Blackdeer, Victor Bird, Jason Bird, and Josh Cloud. Thank you to our mini pow-wows chaperones – Bonni Bird, Jessi Cleveland, Andrea Estebo, and Sharon Green.

Closing Pow-wow – Lance Long (MC); Christian Bird (Arena Director); American Legion Post 129; drum groups – (see registration list)

Dashall Thunder – head male dancer and Barbara Kmetz – head female dancer

Local Indian Education Committee Officers, Parents, Grandparents & Community Members – Penny Ybarra-Chairperson; Andrea Estebo-Past Chairperson; Miss Linda Hanson, Vice Chairperson; Maria Blackhawk, Secretary/Treasurer; Marty Ybarra & Staff from the Tomah Youth & Learning Center; C-Ann Cleveland, Title VII Indian Education Coordinator – Teacher; LIEC parents for sponsoring the delicious dinner.

Our Sponsors – Tomah Area School District Title VII Program, Tomah Local Indian Education Committee, HoChunk Nation, and Tomah Johnson O-Malley Program

Congratulations to our 2010 graduates; they received beautiful pendalton blankets and an honor song. They are Grant Butterfield, Parents Mark Butterfield and Irma Keller; Alex Kivimaki, Parents Tim & Verdie Kivimaki; Barbara Kmetz, Parent Amy Littlegeorge & Marty & Penny Ybarra; Josh Lincoln, Parents Steven & Lincoln; Cassie Manuell, Parent Becky Albert; Aryka Mrotek, Grandparents Errol & Pearl Mrotek; Tyler Redbuffalo, Parents Scott & Joy Weigel; Forrest Stygar, Parent Regina Payer; Joseph

Stygar, Parent Regina Payer.

On June 30, 2010, Mr. Robert Fasbender, TASD Superintendent, will be retiring from the TASD after 26 years;

the last six years as the Superintendent. He was a friend to the Ho-Chunk Nation and we wish him the best in his future endeavors and a very happy

~ FRYBREAD CONTEST ~

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Frybread Judges: Dr. Don Bartlette, Wilbert Cleveland, President Wilfred Cleveland and Cleland Goodbear

- 6th Place** – Mya Estebo
- 5th Place** – Justice Blackhawk
- 4th Place** – Sabrina Scarce
- 3rd Place** – Shila Pemberton
- 2nd Place** – Jason "Haga" Bird
- 1st Place** – Sierra McKee



~~~ ART CONTEST ~~~

Art Judges: Justine Hill, Joseph Goulet and Mary Thunder

Headstart – 2nd Grade

- 1st Place** – "Heart Art" by Venicia Blackhawk
- 2nd Place** – "The Heart" by Savannah Blackhawk

Grades 3-5

- 1st Place** – "The Joker" by Alaugn St. Germaine
- 2nd Place** – "Loomwork" by Mya Estebo
- 3rd Place** – "Dreamcatcher" by Gerald Pemberton

Honorable Mention – "The House" by Justice Blackhawk

Middle School – Grades 6-8

- 1st Place** – "Water Bowl" by Meleejah Greendeer
- 2nd Place** – "4/27" by Billy Scarce
- 3rd Place** – "My Creation" by Shila Pemberton
- Honorable Mention** – "Native Pride" by Tristen Shepherd

High School – Grades 9-12

- 1st Place** – "Wolf in Winter" by Elizabeth Shegonnee
- 2nd Place** – "Reflection" by Siobhan McKee
- 3rd Place** – "Dreams" by Barbara Kmetz



"Wolf in Winter" by Elizabeth Shegonnee



President Wilfred Cleveland and Special Guest Speaker, Dr. Don Bartlette.

Statewide Fair Housing Awards presented in honor of April as Fair Housing Month

Submitted by Dan Stotmeister
Wisconsin Fair Housing Network

The Wisconsin Fair Housing Network, a coalition of representatives of public and private organizations and agencies dedicated to the promotion of fair housing throughout the state, presented its 2010 Fair Housing Awards. The awards were presented at the Fair Housing Update & Awards Luncheon Program on April 23, 2010 at the Country Springs Hotel and Conference Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

The Partnership Fair Housing Award was presented to the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency in Tomah and the Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County in Richland Center. These two organizations combined their efforts to address housing needs of Native Americans. Native Americans have been underserved by the private financial services industry and underrepresented as homeowners in the south and west central rural areas of Wisconsin where these partners work. As partners, the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency and the Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County worked with lenders on issues of trust-land status

and creditworthiness that have interfered with Native American mortgage borrowing. In an area that is 98% white, they jointly sponsored a Homebuyer Seminar program last year that graduated 20 Native Americans. To insure future success in mortgage lending, they established an in-house Community Development Financial Institution and incorporated down payment assistance in their homebuyers' program. The partnership resulted in recruitment and training of Native Americans as peer housing counselors to further increase and enhance successful homeownership by Native Americans. They are currently placing their collaboration into a model to be shared with other Wisconsin tribes, other Neighborhood Housing Services, rural housing nonprofits, lenders, foundations and others to eliminate barriers to housing choice beyond their borders.

The Individual Professional Fair Housing Award was presented to Terry Testolin, Executive Director, Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County in Richland Center. Mr. Testolin was recognized for his efforts to address barriers to fair housing choice in his organization's mission to succeed. Recognizing that Native



Americans are underrepresented as homeowners and underserved by private lenders, he approached the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency about establishing a partnership to address this issue. Mr. Testolin secured the grant that enabled the partnership to train Native Americans as housing counselors. It was his initiative that led to a \$40,000 set-aside from Neighbor Works to be used for collaborative Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Stabilization projects. He has been instrumental in involving the Ho-Chunk Nation in

broad area events to make featured presentations about Ho-Chunk and Native American culture to reduce racial bias and misunderstanding that can often result in housing discrimination. He furthermore has been promoting fair housing opportunities for persons of all races, incomes and backgrounds for 20 years through Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County. Mr. Testolin's efforts have led to increases in homeownership not only by Native Americans but also by persons of Hispanic origin and persons with disabilities.

Grant awarded to HHCD A

Submitted by Paul Tysse and
Leland Fulwider
HHCD A

The US Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) has announced a \$149,858 Native American CDFI Assistance (NACA) grant award to the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCD A) of Tomah, Wisconsin. As noted by New Mexico Senator Jeff Bingaman when CDFI Fund Director Donna Gambrel announced the awards in Albuquerque: "The economic downturn, which we're finally emerging from, has hit American families hard—particularly families in Indian Country. As our economy grows stronger, we must ensure that no communities are left behind. The grants

awarded today make important investment in the future of Indian Country by supporting initiatives as well as small businesses at a time when capital remains tight." CDFI Fund Director Gambrel noted that: "With each NACA award round, and each new Native CDFI created, access to credit, capital, and financial services in Native communities increases, opportunities expand, and lives are positively affected."

The grant to HHCD A will be a major boost to the agency's development of a Native CDFI, First Nations Community Financial (FNCF), which will be spun off as an independent, legally separate 501(c)(3) agency. The Native CDFI, led by Director Leland Fulwider, will provide mortgage loans, small consumer credit-repair

loans, and small-business loans, in addition to pre- and post-homeownership/loan counseling and financial-literacy training. FNCF's offices are located in Blue Wing Village, outside of Tomah in Monroe Co. FNCF's target market is the Ho-Chunk Nation tribal community and other Native Americans in a 16-county Central Wisconsin service area: Adams, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon, Mon-

roe, Sauk, Shawano, Trempealeau, Vernon, and Wood counties.

HHCD A will use its FY 2010 NACA grant award to build a stand-alone organization. FNCF will, as CDFI Fund Director Gambrel states, "add further momentum towards overcoming the lending barriers in Native communities and towards the ambitious goals in the CDFI Fund's comprehensive Native Initiatives Strategic Plan."

Youth alcohol use survey

Dear Parent/Guardian;

A team of Health & Social Services employees are working on a campaign to address Underage Drinking. The survey is being conducted to school aged youth 10 -20 years old. It will gather information about the usage of alcohol for him/her, friends and who they think should address underage drinking.

We would like your permission to survey your child. The information your child provides will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone. No names or other identifiers are to be written on the form. Because neither your name nor your child's name will appear on the survey, your child's response to any question cannot be attributed to him/her. By your acknowledgement of this survey and allowing him/her to complete it provides consent.

Your child's participation in this survey is completely voluntary. Only those children and parents who wish to participate will do so, and any child may stop taking any part of the survey at any time.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Funmaker at the Dept. of Social Services at (715) 284-2622 or (888) 552-7889.

Thank you very much for helping us!

Sincerely,
Underage Drinking Campaign Team

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Alliance Collection Agencies, Petitioner, v. Missy Redcloud, Respondent.

Case : CG10-23

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Missy Redcloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer to the Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the published issuance of this *Summons* in. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). You may request a hearing within your written response. *Id.*, Rule 73(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.* *Id.*, Rule 54.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veteran Affairs

Submitted by
Robert Mann, TVSO

The following article is from the Wisconsin Rapids Daily Tribune, dated Thursday, August 1, 1944.

Wounded, Ship Gone, Young Winnebago Back At His Home in Nekoosa

By Jean Goddard

"It is sure well to be home and going to carnivals again," said Gunner's Mate Roy Garvin, as he dabbed mustard on a hot dog at the carnival stand the other night.

The young Winnebago Indian, who attended school in Neillsville, returned to his home near Nekoosa in June after receiving a medical discharge from the Navy. He enlisted shortly after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. After his ship was sunk by a torpedo in convoy, he was taken to re-built Pearl Harbor for treatment. He carries no marks of his injury for during practice a five inch turret gun was fired as he passed, and ruptured an ear drum.

The story which Garvin told to this reporter starts with boot training, as does that of every young man who leaves home to "see the world" with the U.S. Navy. In February of 1942, the 19 year old had left for boot camp and trained for service on a PT boat. He was then sent on a troop transport to Honolulu to await assign-

ment.

Sleeping and dangerous job.

Enroute, he experienced for the first time, the difficulties incurred in getting a full night's sleep in a hammock. Asked if he fell out, the young Indian laughed and answered, "Sure, three times the first night. I was glad my hammock was hung four feet from the floor instead of eight! The fellows up above really got hurt, some of them broke bones when they turned over in their sleep.

At Honolulu, young Garvin spent two weeks in army barracks and ate army mess. He expressed a Navy man's contempt for Army "chow."

Impatient for assignment, he hoped again to be on a ship, and after two weeks because the PT boat quotas had been filled, he found himself on a destroyer. She was the 'Taylor,' a new clean, fast ship. Beneath decks he found bunks in the quarters instead of hammocks on which he'd slept for eight months. He found that the hammocks which he had cursed till he had learned to ride them accommodated themselves to the motion of the ship much better than the sturdy, more modern bunks. However, in convoy duty, he knew nights when the bunks seemed very desirable, as he crouched at his gun on a long night's alert for threatening Jap submarines or bombers.

Face 60 Dive Bombers

One such alert brought 60 Jap dive bombers. "They

dived so close we could almost see their faces," Roy reminisced, "and the destroyer swerved to dodge the bombs. We picked off 15 planes." When asked what was done when a pilot bailed out, young Garvin commented, "I've never seen a Jap pilot bail out. When those planes are hit, they explode and fall apart, and the men don't have a chance."

The gunner's mate expressed admiration for the lines of the Zeros, but said, "If hit, they're gone." In that attack, Jap planes got a tanker with a direct hit and the destroyer picked up the survivors and went on its course.

Traveling in convoy, Garvin never saw a Jap submarine surface to "fight it out," but he will never forget the torpedo that finished his ship. "We waited all night at our guns, knowing Jap submarines were near. Believe me; we were all afraid and tense. In the early morning of June 21, the torpedo we'd been waiting for hit us. The order to abandon ship came, for the 'Taylor' was sinking rapidly, the men clung to rafts until picked up by another ship in the convoy."

Everything Aboard Lost

Aboard ship, survivors watched as the 'Taylor' slipped into the Coral Sea, the ship they had learned to love for her clean lines, her brave spirit, and elusive tricks when enemies approached by air or sea. Down with her went each lad's keepsakes, his letters

and photographs from home. And down with her went what was left of Garvin's restricted duty. Before shipping out, enjoying life as a sailor will in port, the young lad overstayed his shore leave by one hour. Returning to the ship, he received six months restriction. However the destroyer's men had enjoyed leave in only one port during those months, so the penalized sailor felt the extra time in Honolulu was worth the punishment.

After almost a year's hospitalization at Pearl Harbor, the Indian has returned to the home of his father George Garvin, Rt. 1, Nekoosa. Unlike his Winnebago ancestors, who added a gay feather to each headdress for each battle

won. Garvin will now be entitled to wear a button in his civilian lapel, showing that he has been honorably discharged from the Armed Service, after nobly serving in battle.



Battle of the Branches

Submitted by
Brandon Winneshiek

On Thursday, April 29th, 2010 a group of business management students from the Chippewa Valley Technical College, including Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member and U.S.M.C. veteran, Brandon Winneshiek, held a fundraiser at the Red Parrot in Eau Claire, WI. The event, called "Battle of the Branches," raised money and awareness for the Unmet Needs of the Chippewa Valley, which also covers the Black River Falls area. It is a non-profit program that helps to support the families of soldiers while they are deployed. The group of students and Legislator, Greg Blackdeer, presented the VFW Post 2204 with a check for \$2,500. In addition to the monetary donation that the

tribe made, Majestic Pines Bingo, Majestic Pines Hotel, and Ho-Chunk Bingo also donated prizes to be raffled at the event. "On behalf of veterans and their families, I would like to thank the Ho-Chunk Nation for donating to this event. This event raised \$4,359 for the Unmet Needs organization," that can often result in housing discrimination. He furthermore has been promoting fair housing opportunities for persons of all races, incomes and backgrounds for 20 years through Neighborhood Housing Services of Richland County. Mr. Testolin's efforts have led to increases in homeownership not only by Native Americans but also by persons of Hispanic origin and persons with disabilities.

Military Humor

Submitted by
Robert Mann, TVSO

Writing about a Navy story reminded me of my first encounter aboard a ship. My squadron was going to be on maneuvers off the coast of California for a week. This was going to be the first time I would be on board an aircraft carrier. That evening, my friends were teasing me that I would get sea sick. I laughed it off, and told them I never got sick flying. They said this was different than flying. I just kept laughing at them and bet them I wouldn't get sick. They quickly took me up on that bet.

They next day, I boarded my helicopter and we headed out along the coast then out over the ocean. We were at about 10,000 ft. and I saw the ship. It looked very small from that elevation. We descended very rapidly. As we got closer I noticed the ocean was a little rough. When we landed I could feel the ship moving, but I needed think much about it. We secured and unloaded our helicopter.

Then we were assigned our bunks and a place to stow our gear, when we finished we went to get something to eat. I could feel the ship moving again and I thought about the sea sickness, but I didn't feel any different. As I was walking down to the mess hall with my friends, I was telling them of what I was going to buy with my winnings. Just then, I could feel the ship move even more than the last time. My stomach was getting a little queasy. The closer I got to the mess hall, I could smell the food and then I really got sick. I did not want them to see that I was sick. I told them I left something behind and better get it. I casually walked back and soon as they were out sight, I started running to the back of the ship. As I was hanging over the side throwing up, I looked over my shoulder and saw my friends standing there laughing with their hands out. After about an hour or so I felt better physically, but my wallet was a little lighter. That was the first and last time I ever got sea sick.

Wisconsin Indian Veterans

In Support of

LZ Lambeau Welcome Home Viet Nam Veterans

May 21st to May 23rd

Ride in Honor and support of all the WI service men and women who paid the ultimate price of Freedom

Fly your Tribal Flag in Honor of your Tribal Members who paid with their lives

Friday MAY 21ST

Starting at the Wittenberg
Ho-Chunk Casino leaving 10am

With stops at

North Star Casino – Mohegan

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Rooms available at the Best Western Wittenburg 715-253-3755

– ask for the LZ Lambeau Ride Rate \$64.99

More info contact Dan King 920-639-2910

There is no cost or sponsored by the LZ Lambeau Committee, this ride is all on our own...a decision will be made to stop at the Tribal Veterans Memorials or casinos.

Open Ride For All Interested

the District 2/Madison Meeting motion to extend the dependent eligibility for Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member dependents until age 27 if they are either a full time student or reside at HCN Tribal Center. **Rep. Greengrass moved and was 51% or more in support on his parent to the Work Group. Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Decarah was out of the room.**

MOTION by Vice President Brown to refer the District 2/Madison Meeting motion to exempt HCN Tribal Member employees household from the Working Dependent Provision to the Work Group. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Decarah was out of the room.**

MOTION by Vice President Brown to refer the District 2/Madison Meeting motion to approve the Tax Code with a percentage to go towards health related issues to include HCN Tribal Member Insurance in addition to the percentage to the HCN Healing Center for Addictions to the Legislative Counsel's Office. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Decarah was out of the room.**

FYI: The Madison District was the following motion, this has already been addressed at the Administration Committee Meeting. To advise the HCN Administration Committee to order the proposed JOM Program Manual changes back to the Local Indian Education Committee.

MOTION by Vice President Brown to refer the District 2/Madison Meeting motion to have the HCN Legislature review the Children's Trust Fund Policy to allow accessibility for tuition and fees to non-public educational institutions to the Finance Committee. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Decarah was out of the room.**

District 2: FYI: The Tomah District was the following motion: To have Legislature review the J.C.M. Pre K-12 guidelines pertaining to setting standards for eligibility of funds. This has already been addressed at the Administration Committee Meeting.

MOTION by Vice President Brown to refer the District 2/Tomah Meeting motion to repeal working dependent provisions for Ho-Chunk families to the Work Group. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Decarah was out of the room.**

FYI: Delegate/Alternate for GCA will be voted on for March Meeting. A motion that the Secretariat Election resolutions from General Council 2005 be brought back to the area for information and review adjourns at 5:40 p.m.

To table the Ethics Review Board. To have the Tomah Area Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Winterberg Meeting motion to have Enrollment present at the next District Meeting from 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Vice President Brown was out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Green Bay Meeting motion to eliminate Darlene Denny as the HCNDA Representative to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

V.P. Brown was out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Green Bay Meeting motion to have Legislators appoint and create a budget for the such to Vice President Brown. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

V.P. Brown was out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Nekoosa Meeting motion to remove Darlene Denny as the HCNDA Representative as she has not reported to the area for approximately six months and according to HUD guidelines there are only two representatives per district to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

V.P. Brown was out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Nekoosa Meeting motion that Desmond Mike be a part of the cranberry marsh purchase/business venture to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

V.P. Brown was out of the room.

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Indian Heights Meeting motion to have the Director of Youth Services present at the next area meeting to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Indian Heights Meeting motion to create a task force to collaborate on Language and Culture, Education, Social Services, Youth Services, Department of Labor, Office of the President, and Tribal Aging Unit and have an assessment conducted of Youth Services to the Office of the President. **Second by Vice President Brown. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

FYI: To have District 3 revise the Legislative motion to call for a Secretariat Election to strike language in Article V-Section 1 qualification "shall possess a four-year baccalaureate degree conferred by an accredited institution of higher education."

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Indian Heights Meeting motion to have Carson Funkmeyer and Martin Littlejohn as HCNDA Representatives for District 3 to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Smith to refer the District 3/Indian Heights Meeting motion to support the effort of bringing gray awareness to the Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo area to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 4: FYI-Nominate Val Kempen for Enrollment Committee-Delegate and Denise Aldrich as Enrollment Committee-Alternate.

MOTION by Vice President Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion to schedule another HCN Resource Day in Milwaukee on April 22, 2010 requesting all Executive Departments to attend to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

District 4: MOTION by Vice President Brown to refer the District 4 Meeting motion to request President Wilfrid Cleveland direct Mark Butterfield to attend the Milwaukee March District Meeting to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried. Rep. Greengrass was out of the room.**

District 5: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to refer the District 5/Chicago

Meeting motion to appoint John Dall as the new HCNDA Commissioner to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 5-1 (Rep. Decarah) (1 Vice President Brown).**

MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to refer the District 5/Chicago Meeting motion to have a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement amongst the branches of government. To set forth procedures for requesting Secretariat Elections for General Council resolutions to prevent confusion that may arise from potentially conflicting requests for elections by the Legislative and General Council Branches of government.

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MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to refer the Contract Review Process to the Administration Committee for further updates. **Second by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit. 11-0-2 (Rep. Greengrass) Motion Carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Rescission of Resolution 1-05-10 C Authorizing Closing of Calvert Account. **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Sponsorship of Troy Rave's Racing Car Efforts Resolution: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to adopt resolution 3-09-10 C Rescission of Resolution 1-05-10 C Authorizing Closing of Calvert Account and Sponsorship of Troy Rave's Racing Car Efforts. **Second by Rep. Decarah. 8-1 (Rep. TwoBears) 4 (Rep. Blackdeer, Littlejohn, Lorette-Whitabreit, Pettibone) Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: Support of Head Start Grant Application. **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to adopt resolution 3-09-10 D Support of Head Start Grant Application. **Second by Rep. Littlejohn. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Recommendation for Audit Services for FY Ending June 2010: **MOTION by Rep. Pettibone** to approve the recommendation of the Tribal Treasurer for Joseph Eve, LLP to provide audit services for the Tribal Treasurer for fiscal year 2010. **The Tribal Treasurer will obtain engagement letters from Joseph Eve and forward to the Legislative Office for signature and also to submit to the Board of Directors for approval of an independent accounting firm for audit services for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011. Second by V.P. Brown. 12-0-1 (Rep. TwoBears) Motion Carried.**

Appointment to Insurance Commission: **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to adopt resolution 3-09-10 E Appointment to Insurance Commission Review Committee, appointing Julie Funkmeyer to serve. **Second by Rep. Decarah. 9-2 (Rep. Blackdeer, Littlejohn, Lorette-Whitabreit, Pettibone, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

NIGA Letter to U.S. Apology to Native Americans: **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to approve sending the U.S. Apology to Native Americans letter to President Obama, and to thank you for the support letter to Senators Inouye, Dorgan, Brownback, Boren and Cole. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 12-0-1 (Smith) Motion Carried.**

District Concerns: **District 1: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 2: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 3: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 4: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 5: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 6: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 7: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 8: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 9: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 10: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 11: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 12: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 13: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 14: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 15: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 16: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 17: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

District 18: MOTION by V.P. Brown to refer the District 2/Baraboo Meeting motion to perform an audit for the Lynwood Property back to the original date of purchase to the Office of the President. **Second by Rep. Walker. 13-0-0 Motion Carried.**

District 19: MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit to approve a grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 from the Charitable Contributions item to assist the Jennifer Dominguez Memorial Center. The check is to be processed on an emergency basis. **Second by Rep. Greengrass. 11-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears, V.P. Brown) Motion Carried.**

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Daniel Brown-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Clarence Pettibone-P Rep. Roberta Decarah-P Rep. James Greendear-P Rep. John Holst-P Rep. Hope Smith-P Rep. Greg Littlejohn-P Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P Rep. Greg Littlejohn-P Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established at this time.

OPENING PRAYER: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to approve the agenda as presented. **Second by Rep. Pettibone. 10-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

Executive Session: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to go into executive session. **Second by Rep. Pettibone. 11-0-0 Motion Carried. The meeting goes into executive session at 11:50 a.m.**

Open Session: **MOTION by Rep. Greengrass** to return to open session. **Second by Rep. Pettibone. 10-0-0 Motion Carried. The meeting returns to open session at 12:25 p.m.**

Executive Session Ratification: **MOTION by Rep. Greendear** to ratify all action taken in executive session. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 9-2 (Rep. Blackdeer) 0 Motion Carried.**

Adjustment: **MOTION by Rep. TwoBears** to adjourn the meeting. **Second by V.P. Brown. 10-0-0 Motion Carried.**

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING EXECUTIVE OFFICE BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN MAY 13, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Daniel Brown-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Clarence Pettibone-P Rep. Roberta Decarah-P Rep. James Greendear-P Rep. John Holst-P Rep. Hope Smith-P Rep. Greg Littlejohn-P Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established at this time.

OPENING PRAYER: Rep. Roberta Decarah offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to approve the agenda as presented. **Second by Rep. Holst. 9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: **Legislative Meeting-March 23, 2010** **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to approve the Legislative Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2010 with corrections. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-2 (Rep. Pettibone, TwoBears) Motion Carried.**

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: **Development Committee Meeting-March 23, 2010** **MOTION by Rep. Decarah** to approve the Development Committee Meeting minutes of March 23, 2010 with corrections. **Second by V.P. Brown. 7-0-2 (Rep. Pettibone, TwoBears) Motion Carried.**

Guidelines for Use of Wells & Septic System Item: **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to have the updated proposed changes to the Guidelines for the Use of Wells and Septic System Item taken to the District Meetings for review and input and bring back to the Development Committee for further review. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 9-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-March 23, 2010: **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of March 23, 2010 with corrections. **Second by Rep. Greendear, Pettibone, TwoBears) Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-March 23, 2010: **MOTION by Rep. Holst** to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of March 23, 2010 with an amendment to the HCN Facilities budget to add adding in the three (3) deleted positions back into the FY 2010-2011 budget and with corrections. **Second by V.P. Brown. 5-0 (Rep. Greendear, Lorette-Whitabreit, Pettibone, TwoBears) Motion DEFEATED.**

MOTION by Rep. Pettibone to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of March 30, 2010 with the tabling of the HCN Facilities FY10-11 budget on page 2 and corrections. **Second by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit. 5-3 (Rep. Blackdeer, Holst, Greendear, Pettibone, TwoBears) Motion Carried.**

Finance Committee Meeting-March 31, 2010: **MOTION by Rep. Lorette-Whitabreit** to approve the Finance Committee Meeting minutes of March 31, 2010 with corrections. **Second by Rep. Decarah. 7-0-2 (Rep. TwoBears) 1 (Rep. Blackdeer) Motion Carried.**

Authorization to Enter into 2009-2012 Tribal Program Contract for the Best Outcomes for Indian Children Protected By and Between the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and the Ho-Chunk Nation: **MOTION by Rep. Pettibone** to adopt resolution 4-06-10 A Authorization to Enter into 2009-2012 Tribal Program Contract for the Best Outcomes for Indian Children Protected By and Between the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and the Ho-Chunk Nation. **Second by V.P. Brown. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Special Finance Committee Meeting-April 1, 2010: **MOTION by Rep. Holst** to approve the Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes of April 1, 2010 as presented. **Second by Rep. TwoBears. 7-0-2 (Rep. Decarah, Smith) Motion Carried.**

Presentation: **Damon Butler/Gambling Presentation:** Damon Butler a consultant from the EDIKA Group was present to address the Legislature on the running of a successful gaming facility. He is available to offer training services to the Ho-Chunk Nation to work with the facilities to fix existing problems at the facilities to enable the Nation to see a larger profit margin.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Follow-up on FMAP Presentation-Dor. Alec Thundercloud:** **MOTION by Rep. Decarah** to deny participa-

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tion in the Federal Matching Assistance Program for the recommendation of the Executive Director of the Department of Health, Dr. Alec Thundercloud. **Second by Rep. Holst. 8-0-0 Motion Carried.**

8-A Certification Update: **Authorizing 8-A Application & Release of Information to SBA Resolution:** **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to adopt resolution 4-06-10 B Authorizing 8-A Application & Release of Information to SBA Resolution. **Second by Rep. Holst. 7-0-0 Motion Carried.**

Authorizing HUBZone Application & Release of Information to SBA Resolution: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to adopt resolution 4-06-10 C Authorizing HUBZone Application & Release of Information to SBA. **Second by Rep. Holst. 5-3 (Rep. Greendear, Lorette-Whitabreit, TwoBears) 1 (Rep. Pettibone) Motion Carried.**

Recess for Lunch: **MOTION by V.P. Brown** to recess the meeting for lunch. **Second by Rep. Blackdeer. 9-0-0 Motion Carried. The meeting recesses at 12:25 p.m.**

Rep. Smith is excused at 12:25 p.m. Call Back to Order: **Preston Cleveland** called the meeting back to order at 1:36 p.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Daniel Brown-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Clarence Pettibone-P Rep. Roberta Decarah-P Rep. James Greendear-P Rep. John Holst-P Rep. Hope Smith-P Rep. Greg Littlejohn-P Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P Rep. Greg Littlejohn-P Rep. Patrick Red Eagle-P

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Quorum was established at this time.

Agenda Amendment:

Cancer 101

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Speaking to an estimated 200 people attending the "Share the Care 2010 Cancer Conference" held May 4-5 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Dr. Amy DeLong, an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and a practicing physician at the House of Wellness conducted "Cancer 101." Her "class" addressed and defined what cancer is, who is affected, the possible causes of the disease and what can be done to prevent an illness that affects nearly 1.5 new people and their families annually in the United States.

Statistics released in 2009 indicate that lung, colon rectal and breast cancers were the most common in Wisconsin, with lung cancer the leading cancer related cause of death. In nearly 60 percent of the cases, tobacco use and/or obesity were found to be the leading cause of the disease. While cancer can strike anyone, anywhere at any time, DeLong noted that sometimes just where you live can make a difference. For example in Native communities, cancer rates are lower in the southwest and higher among those living in the plain states or Alaska.

She explained that cancer begins when one cell changes and starts growing, dividing rapidly and eventually becoming out of control. Eventually they form a mass of cells, a tumor that is either benign or malignant.

Benign tumors generally occur when the cells stay in one place and eventually stop growing. Typical benign non cancer tumors are moles or warts. Ma-

lignant tumors occur when the cells invade surrounding tissues and travel through the bloodstream to nearby organs where they can cause serious damage. "They develop their own blood supply and can travel to anywhere in the body," DeLong warned.

Although the risk of getting cancer increases with age, due in part to an increased exposure to chemicals or pesticides, DeLong continued that cancer cannot be inherited, although some people do inherit a higher risk of getting cancer. She believes that many cancers are caused by the choices that people make. Among the behaviors that may contribute to a person being at a higher risk of getting cancer are smoking, poor exercise and diet habits and an over-exposure to the sun. "All are preventable," she said.

Although she acknowledged that often fear, a lack of knowledge, modesty or false beliefs prevent people from having regular screenings, DeLong explained that early detection is the best means of curing an existing cancer and urges everyone to have regular checkups.

While in some cancers there may be warning signs, (a change in bowel habits, sores that won't heal, blood in the bowel or urine, lumps or problems swallowing) DeLong cautioned that in some cases, people in the early stages of a cancer show no symptoms. Because of that and because of their ages, health providers recommend that women over 40 get mammograms regularly; men over 50 have their PSA checked and everyone over 50 have a colonoscopy.



Dr Amy DeLong believes that healthy lifestyle choices can reduce the risk of getting cancer.

When one member of the family is diagnosed with cancer the entire family is affected, she said. Because people facing cancer are often better able to cope with the illness if they have the support of others, she concluded "it's important to take care of yourself so you can help others."

Coping with cancer

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Diagnosed with leukemia 12 years ago, when she was given a 40 percent chance of surviving, Laurie Duraney understands the challenges of coping with cancer. Currently a Mental Health Clinician with the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Health, Duraney told her story at the "Share the Care 2010 Cancer Conference," held May 4-5 at the Ho-Chunk Convention Center.

Depression is known to affect 15-25 percent of cancer patients and Duraney stressed the need to find a support group and become occupied with some activity. Noting that shock, fear and a sense of uncertainty are typically reactions upon being diagnosed with cancer, she believes "it's important to find something to get you through the chemo."

Recalling that during her treatment and hospital stay, "Home Improvement" was constantly on TV, she joked that the show's star, Tim Allen "saved my life." The program helped take my mind off my treatment, she said, adding that having a sense of humor always helps.

Although most patients believe that they must follow the treatment chosen by a provider and eagerly begin whatever treatment prescribed, Duraney reminded everyone that they do have a choice. She urges all patients to take charge and control what they can. "It's your body. Be sure you get what you think you need."

She continued that when working with her support group she was constantly reminded that "you are not allowed to surrender. You need to understand that there are survivors and your treatment

is not forever."

She concluded that it's important to rely on spiritual help to get mentally prepared for the challenge of beating cancer. While dealing with the initial diagnosis she urged that rather than dwell on something that already happened, patients "should be grateful for what they have."

A handout following her presentation offered a few tips on what to do if you're struggling to cope.

Acknowledge that it's normal. There is no shame in admitting that you're scared, overwhelmed or need to talk to someone about what you're going through. Facing cancer means facing our own mortality; a weighty proposition for even the "toughest" among us.

Tap into cancer survivor support groups. Contact your local clinic and ask if they have support groups

available. If you can't find a local group, consider an online support group. Don't feel embarrassed about asking "sensitive" questions.

Seek professional help. Ask your primary care provider for a referral to a mental health specialist. You can learn tips and tricks for managing your anxiety and measurably improve your quality of life.

Don't be afraid of medication. Unfortunately, in our culture, taking medications to manage depression is often viewed as weak of self-indulgent. Nothing could be further from the truth. Depression is a real medical issue caused by real changes in brain chemistry. Nobody would suggest a diabetic just "think" their way out of high blood sugar levels. In the same way, you should not buy in to the idea that "if you just try harder" you'll feel better.

Keep in mind that studies do not prove cause and effect. It does not prove that being depressed caused people with cancer to die. If you're feeling depressed, don't expect that this means you're more likely to die.

What studies do show is that if you have cancer, ignoring depression is a bad idea. There is no reason to accept depression after a cancer diagnosis as "normal."

Find inspiration in the stories of others. Some people find it helpful to read books or essays by others who have gone through cancer. There is strength in numbers. Sometimes simply knowing that you are not alone is what you need to cope at the moment. There are many books dealing with the subject written by cancer survivors.

The various dimensions of pain

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

According to Dr. Tracy Schroeffer, cancer causes more than a physical pain. An Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Social Work, she believes there is also psychosocial, spiritual and emotional dimensions of pain associated with any disease.

Appearing at the "Share the Care 2010 Cancer Conference" held May 4-5 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Schroeffer stressed "that to be completely well, the body, mind and spirit must work together."

While many people focus only on the physical aspect of

a disease, Schroeffer stressed the importance of talking to someone about the disease. "Talking to others about your cancer, particularly your caregivers, gives you a connection to the world," she said.

Although pain can serve as a protection and is helpful to our survival (we avoid what may harm us), Schroeffer continued that physical pain does affect how we function. In many cases, she said, the resulting cognitive, physiological, spiritual and cultural pain is more problematic than the physical pain itself.

Because the physical pain does affect a person's mood or outlook and can lead to depression, anxiety, a loss of control or just a point of not

enjoying life and wanting to give up, Schroeffer urges everyone find a coping strategy that works for them. Sometimes just talking to a support group helps, she said. Coping strategies may include adjusting your lifestyle according to the limitations of your physical pain, or "just learning to do what you can." Cognitive healing strategies may include keeping a pain diary, setting goals to control the pain and learning pain management behaviors to gain control.

Schroeffer acknowledges that pain will change a patient's relationship with family and friends. Social pain symptoms include the patients' inability to interact

with others and the need to change social plans when the desire is to return to the old lifestyle.

Schroeffer warned that because family and friends view the patient differently, often they "lovingly take away the person's responsibilities," further isolating the patient. She urged all caregivers to let the patient tell you when help is needed. Even when the cancer is gone, social changes will happen. "It's important to provide support by giving the patient the opportunities to do things for themselves and regain a balance in the relationship."

Schroeffer believes that a person's traditional culture influences their belief system

about pain. In the spiritual dimension when a patient is talking to God, they may ask, "why is this happening to me?" To find the answer the patient may have to rely on the spiritual community for an answer. Talking to a traditional healer or a member of the clergy can be beneficial, she said.

Schroeffer concluded that as a patient "walks forward" it's important to understand that the management of pain requires attention to the whole person. It's important to communicate one's pain related needs and realize that no one person can address all those needs.

Process Improvement quarterly meeting

Facility design

Submitted by Michelle Ramberg,
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Baraboo, WI - April 20, 2010

April's Quarterly Process Improvement meeting has marked the first year of creation of these meetings through the Business Department. The April 2010 Quarterly Process Improvement meeting took place at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells during a two-day session April 20-21 with approximately 176 employees attending. These quarterly meetings have been established to teach employees new skills necessary to excel in their roles and also to provide feedback in areas that may need a little more attention within our facilities. The Quarterly Process Improvement meetings have grown over the past year with each facility recognizing the impact this has had on our frontline staff and has continued to accommodate as many frontline employees as possible to attend.

The focus for the meeting was on facility design and how this affects our customers' perspective, habits and decision making regarding our facilities. This meeting also focused on building a strong foundation and working together to achieve success. The program included guest speakers Barry Thalden of Thalden Boyd Emery Architects, Dennis Conrad of Raving Consulting, and Mark Denning. Each of

these guest speakers is recognized in his field to discuss topics with implications to help to provide insight into past and future plans. They were brought in to inspire employees to help build the foundation of first impressions of each property.

Thalden, of Thalden Boyd Emery Architects, a native-owned company, brings more than 37 years of architectural and artistic experience and was one of the architects who worked on the design of Ho-Chunk Casino Hotel and Convention Center. This turned into an award-winning project in 2000 for "Best Casino Built" and "Best Project Built in Wisconsin." Thalden gave his in-depth history about how the project came about and the decisions behind the design. The Wisconsin Dells were the inspiration for the property as this was the homeland of the Ho-Chunk people. The architects spent time in the Dells to capture the feel of the unique landscape. Master molds were made of the rock formations to create the natural feature in the Atrium which was used as the focal point for Ho-Chunk.

Conrad is the founder, president and chief strategist for Raving Consulting and brings more than 35 years of experience in the gaming industry. Conrad opened with a team exercise "Car Handle to Slot Handle" walking the staff through the casino's touch points in the building. Next he gave two very different perspectives - old school vs. new school -



Mark Denning (l) and Barry Thalden (r) of Thalden Boyd Emery Architects during a meet and greet session.

principles of casino design. Bill Friedman's 13 principles were based on revenue results from casino designs from the 1970s. David Kranes' 15 principles were based on watching what people do and how they respond when visiting casinos.

Denning, the event's MC and guest speaker, discussed "Transforming Thinking, from Theory to Reality". Denning focused on the seven principles of value-based design which included bravery, love, truth, wisdom, humility, loyalty and respect. These are central Ojibway teachings. He posed two questions first: "What is it that would make us different from anything out there?" and then "What is it that can bring us together?" He emphasized that the architect could create the most beautiful building but without the people inside of it, it means nothing.

Women in the construction industry

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

For years, America has associated certain items to a certain gender. It becomes ingrained in our minds from the time we are little. When we are born, blue gets associated with boys, pink associated with girls. This gets carried over to when we are kids, boys get the trucks and girls get the dolls. Even though times are changing, some job industries are still thought of as gender specific. One industry is starting to turn that around, the construction industry is starting to have more and more women employed.

Vanessa Casillas, Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, is a brick-layer in a Chicago Construction Company. The Chicago Women in Trades (CWIT) have been helping women build careers in the construction industry since 1981. The CWIT was actually founded by tradeswomen who felt it was important that women have equal opportunities and fair treatment in the construction trades. Only 3% of the construction industry is made up of females and CWIT is looking to change that because there are many opportunities and benefits to working in this field.

According to CWIT's website, careers in construction offer higher wages and the opportunity to earn money while learning skills of the trade. Apprentices earn an average of \$13 an hour and when in the industry an average of \$35 an hour in the Chicago area. Wages are often union-negotiated and stay the same no matter what company you work for. Benefits are oftentimes better than average as well, which includes health insurance and a pension plan.

A lot of myths are out there as construction goes, but one of the biggest myths is that a person must have a lot of strength in order to do the job and therefore only men can do it. The con-

struction industry is looked at not being any more physically demanding than the average traditional job such as waitressing or nursing. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) also requires special equipment should be provided for every heavy job, regardless of the gender performing the job.

Often times, many people think that the construction industry is that person you see on the side of the roads in the summer time. The construction industry is actually made up of 25 distinct trades to choose from such as plumbers, carpenters, electricians, and bricklayers just to name a few. Each trade has their own union and apprenticeship programs for training new workers.

Apprenticeship programs help workers develop the skills needed for their craft from classroom and on-the-job training and last from 2-5 years depending on the trade. While in the program, apprentices are typically paid a percentage ranging from 40%-60% of their full pay rate starting and it raises every six months to a year as long as classroom training and work hour requirements are met.

Many apprenticeship programs require a pre-apprenticeship program to be able to work on a job site. The program can range from a week to twelve weeks, some are paid and some are not, however all are full time with homework. This training helps inexperienced apprentices build basic skills and confidence, which makes the first day on the job site less intimidating.

Getting into the construction industry seems like it would require the knowledge of knowing all about cement trucks and how to use Craftsman tools, however only a few basic documentations are needed such as; valid driver's license, high school diploma or GED, birth certificate and/or proof of eligibility to work in the United

Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah donates to American Cancer Society

Submitted by
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Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah

On May 5, Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah presented a \$1,000 check to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Monroe County. The donation, made during a brief ceremony at Majestic Pines Bingo Hall, marked the second year that Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah has support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in Tomah.



On hand for the celebration (l-r): Pam Kasper-Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah, Mandy Beiser-Staff Organizer Community Relations, Barbara Hansen-Co Chair Monroe County Relay for Life and Michelle Ramberg-Senior Manager of Public Relations Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah.

States, high school transcripts, application fee, and social security card. Other documents that would improve an application are letters of recommendation, DD-214 to verify military service, college transcripts or other training program certificates, and intent to hire letter.

Within the next ten years, the construction industry is looking to add 1,000,000 jobs nationally and 5,400 jobs annually in the Chicago area due to expansion and retirement. The process for this after completing the apprenticeship program includes an interview which sometimes includes

an experience inventory and a drug and physical test.

Some things to consider while looking into which trade could be best for you are; employer expectations, working conditions, seasonal, project-based employment, the issues facing women in a male dominated occupation.

If interested in learning more about the construction business feel free to visit the following websites: www.chicagowomenintradetrades.org or www.cisco.org. Or contact Mathew Mann at 1-800-94-9343 ext 1141 or e-mail him at Mathew.mann@ho-chunk.com.

Wisconsin Historical Society to focus on Ho-Chunk ancestors



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Introducing Ho-Chunk elder Rhoda Rave

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

Frogs and toads have always been a fascination for kids growing up. Many children enjoy playing with them and carrying them around in their pockets, much to the dismay of their parents yelling, "put them down or you're gonna get a wart." Ho-Chunk elder, Rhoda Rave was one of those lucky kids who can say she lived at "the frog," also known as the Hall Homestead located in Black River Falls, WI.

On October 8, 1918, Rhoda Rave was born to William Hall Sr. and Annie Falcon in Black River Falls, WI. Rhoda is the oldest of eleven kids in her family, followed by Reuben, Adam Sr., Ebenezer, Sidney, Robert, Joseph, Mildred, Cecelia, Norma, and Grace.

Growing up, Rhoda attended Komensky country school and then went on to grade school at the Tomah and Neillsville Indian Schools. At the time, the Indian schools were also known as boarding schools which ran from August to December, and January to May. Back then, transportation was not by car or bus, most travelling was done by horse and wagon. Rhoda's father would often stay overnight at the boarding school after the long trip to take the kids to school. After a good night's rest, he would travel back home until Christmas vacation to be pick everyone up again.

Rhoda continued her education at Black River Falls high school, however was not able to continue due to her mother getting sick. Being the oldest of her siblings, it became the job of Rhoda to help her father take care of the household duties, the gardening, and tend to the farm animals.

Her family raised chickens and cows, but they also had cats, dogs, and horses. Rhoda fondly remembers the two horses, Dick and Nan, which were used for travelling purposes. Rhoda thought it was hard work taking care of them, but also a fun experience as well.

Rhoda's family had an ice box to keep things cold and fresh, but the family would can most everything from their garden to supply food year round. When asked how life is different from when she was a child Rhoda said, "Things are much easier now than when I was growing up."

Her family lived in a ciptoke until her father later built a house and there was no television or radios. Rhoda remembers how excited she was when her father bought the first car for their family, which was a 1936 Ford.

By age thirteen Rhoda learned from her mother how to make baskets. When they were done making baskets, her family would take them to a Winnebago Handy Craft Store in exchange for food and supplies. Remembering going as far as Sturgeon Bay to pick cherries, her family would also earn money by doing seasonal work by picking blueberries, cherries, apples, potatoes, onions, and cranberry picking.

In 1936 Rhoda married Victor Kingswan and had two little girls, Sharon and Maxine. Things did not work out with Rhoda and Victor, but Rhoda did not give up on finding love. Later on, Rhoda married Duncan Rave from Winnebago Nebraska. Rhoda and Duncan both belonged to the Native American Church and met Duncan at a church event in Black River Falls. Love at first sight, Duncan moved from Nebraska to Wisconsin to be with Rhoda. They had seven children: Reuben Sr., Meredith, Maynard Sr., Lauren, Brian, Gloria, and Valerie.

Rhoda continued to make baskets in her free time and Duncan would make the handles for her. To this day Rhoda still feels like she could make baskets, "All I need are the materials and someone to make the handles for me," Rhoda said with a chuckle.



John Kozlowski, Staff Writer

Working with the Wisconsin State Historical Society, photographer Tom Jones is seeking the help of Ho-Chunk Nation members in trying to identify ancestors photographed by Charles Van Shaick from approximately 1880-1940.

The Society plans on publishing a book of Van Shaick's work in the fall of 2011 and any help would be appreciated. Beginning in this issue and continuing throughout the year, the Hocak Worak will be presenting a total of 40-60 pictures. Printed with

the permission of the State Historical Society, each photo will be accompanied by an identification number.

Anyone who can provide a name to a face is encouraged to call the Newsletter at (800) 294-9343 or contact Professor Tom Jones at (608) 890-1591 or tjones3@wisc.edu.

The Wisconsin Historical Society has over 30,000 images available online. Many of the photos are part of a gallery that focuses on a specific era, topic or person. The site provides an interesting, knowledgeable look at Wisconsin's past.



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BOARD OPENINGS**HCN DEPARTMENT OF HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors of the Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation, please send a letter of interest and your resume to:

Board of Directors
Membership
Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation
P.O. Box 667
Black River Falls, WI 54615

The Department of Heritage Preservation Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (March 7, 2001) provides that the Department shall have a board consisting of five (5) members selected by the Executive Director and approved by the President and Legislature. A director shall not be an employee of the Department of Heritage Preservation. A director shall not be a member of more than two (2) department Boards of Directors. A director shall not be appointed nor serve as a member of a subordinate advisory board within the Department of Heritage Preservation.

Accordingly, this is to request applications from Ho-Chunk Nation citizens to fill the Board of Director positions. Please submit your name to be considered for membership of the Board of Directors, Ho-Chunk Department of Heritage Preservation, no later than, May 28, 2010.

The Act further provides:

Directors shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendations to the Executive Director.

The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director. The Board shall not be a policy making body. The Board shall be involved in the Department's strategic planning.

Directors shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The terms shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter and three (3) Directors are appointed/re-appointed in the alternate years.

Directors shall be compensated for attendance at Board Meetings at a rate established by the Legislature.

The Directors shall be subject to the Nation's law regarding nepotism and conflicts of interest.

LOOKING FOR SOCIAL SERVICES BOARD MEMBERS

Role of the Board Member:

1) The Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director.

a) The Board shall not be a policy making body.

b) The Board shall be involved in the Department's social services planning.

c) The Board shall be consulted during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the Appropriations and Budget Process Meetings Act. (2 HCC § 2).

d) Whether a Director can be an immediate family member of a Legislator, the President, or the appointed staff of the President shall be controlled by the Open Meetings Act (2 HCC § 2).

e) Director vacancies shall be posted pursuant to the requirements of the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 13).

2) Qualifications: Director shall have the requisite skills, knowledge, and education to provide professional and expert advice and recommendation to the Executive Director.

3) The Directors shall be subject to the Nation's law regarding nepotism and conflicts of interest.

Please send resume to:
P.O. Box 40, Black River Falls, WI. 54615 – Attention: Social Services Executive Staff.

Vacancy Announcement

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veteran Affairs is seeking individuals to fill current vacancies on the Veterans Advisory Board.

Deadline is 60-days. The following positions are open:

- Area II – Alternate – Vacant
- Area IV – Representative – Vacant
- Area V – Alternate – Vacant
- Area V – Alternate – Vacant

Individuals may be nominated at their local district meetings or submit a letter of interest to the Division of Veteran Affairs office at: Division of Veteran Affairs
P.O. Box 667
W9802 Airport Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Office (715) 284-4563 Fax (715) 284-5934

HCN OPENINGS**Civil Engineering/GIS Technician (Full Time)**

Department of Housing –

BIA Roads Grant

Location: Tomah

ROP: \$19/hr

Closing Date: Open until filled

Revenue Audit Clerk (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Ho-Chunk Casino –

Finance

Location: Baraboo

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: Open until filled

Security Officer (Full Time)

Department of Business –

DeJope – Security

Location: Madison

ROP: \$11/hr

Closing Date: Open until filled

Bakers Assistant (Full time/Part-time)

Department of Business –

HCC – F&B

Location: Baraboo

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Banker/Cashier (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines Casino

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Business Development Manager (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Business Office

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$32/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Chief Accountant (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines - Finance

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$13/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Counter Server/Cashier (Part-time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines Casino –

F&B

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$7 /hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Dishwasher (Part-time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines Casino –

F&B

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$8/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Food Server (Part-time)

Department of Business –

HCC – F&B

Location: Baraboo

ROP: \$7/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Maintenance Person (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Tomah WTC Casino

Location: Tomah

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Production Cook (Part-time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines Casino –

F&B

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Promotions Host/Hostess (Fulltime/part-time)

Department of Business –

DeJope - Marketing

Location: Madison

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Shift Leader - 2nd Shift (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Whitetail

Location: Tomah

ROP: \$9/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Slot Representative (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines Casino -

Slots

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$10/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

Slot Technician (Full Time)

Department of Business –

Majestic Pines Casino -

Slots

Location: Black River Falls

ROP: \$11/hr

Closing Date: 5/26/2010

OUTSIDE OPENINGS**Health Services, Department of Public Health Nurse 3 (Full Time)**

Location: Dane

ROP: Starting salary is between \$51,744 and \$56,584

Closing Date: 5/20/2010

Contact: Veronica Law,

Human Resources Specialist-

Adv @ 608-266-5426 or email

Veronic.Law@

dhs.wisconsin.gov

LANGUAGE APPRENTICE POSITION TO BE FILLED!

The Language Division is currently seeking to fill one apprentice position as part of the Master-Apprentice Program. This position will be dedicated to working at the immersion daycare center, Wahooceekigra, at the Whirling Thunder Ranch in Tomah.

Requirements for the positions include:

- High school diploma or equivalent
 - Valid drivers license, reliable transportation, and proof of insurance
 - Must submit to and pass a background investigation (to work with minors)
- The job is a contract position starting at \$14.00/hr, and includes full benefits.

If you are interested, please apply at the Language Division Office or Wahooceekigra Daycare. Applications are due to the Language Division no later than June 4th, 2010.

Hoocak Wazija Hacı Language Division
N4845 Hwy 58
Mauston, WI, 53948
(800) 492-5745

Wahooceekigra Immersion Daycare
16250 Helmet Road
Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-5060



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608-356-3083 x21 • timl@stjosephbaraboo.org

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608-356-5969 • mandyb@stjosephbaraboo.org

**May 1, 2010
Register Now!**

Space is limited to 20
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Contact Annette Crowder:
608-477-3038

Students will attend art workshops taught by college faculty, stay overnight in the dorm, and get a glimpse of college life.

Students must be in good Standing and recommended by HCN Youth Services.

Edgewood College Madison WI www.edgewood.edu



Study Art on a College Campus this Summer

Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Services students entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2010 are invited to participate in a precollege art camp this summer at Edgewood College in Madison, WI. Transportation, tuition, meals, lodgings, supplies, and all fees are included in the 15-20 available to selected students. Valued at \$300 per person, these awards are from Edgewood College.

**Journey Forward
CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

Every 3rd Thursday of the month.

May 20th - 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Tribal Aging Unit Indian Mission-BRF
Questions Call Louise Voss at 284-9851



**GAME OF LIFE
CHOICES**

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010

HOUSE OF WELLNESS

9 AM - 3 PM

Special Appearance by:

Adam Beach

Smoke Signals
Law and Order: SVU
Flags of Our Fathers

For more information contact your local Youth Services
Learning Center or the Dept. of Social Services at
(715) 284-2622.

Sponsored by the Youth Services Collaboration Committee

Hosted by the
Historic Indian Agency House
in Portage, Wisconsin

Join us on the grounds of the
Agency House as we kick off our
2010 season with a celebration of
community and culture.

At 2PM, watch Ho-Chunk youth
groups, the Wasira Dance Troupe
and United Clans Drum Group,
and then enjoy a Pie and Dessert
Social.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC

Donations benefitting the continued
operation of HIAH will be gladly accepted.

**Sunday,
May 16, 2010
@ 2PM**

Historic Indian Agency
House & Fort
Winnebago Surgeons'
Quarters

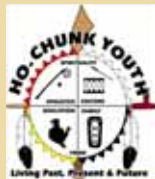
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33, at the end of Rustic Road 69.

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Email destineekae@hotmail.com



**Native American
Education Committee Meeting**

Monday, May 17, 2010

House of Wellness

Alberta Day Conference Room

5 pm – 6:30 pm

Open to the following individuals:

Parents/Guardians of Native American children enrolled in the District, Extended family members of Native American children enrolled in the District, Members of the local Native American community, HCN Executive Director of Education or representative, Local HCN Learning Center Director, Local HCN Learning Center tutors, District teachers, Native American high school students, District administrators, Native American Services Coordinator, Title VII – Indian Education Grant Coordinator

**Report Prevented, Failed Acreage
and NAP Crop Losses to FSA**

With spring planting underway across Wisconsin and Jackson County, the Farm Service Agency (FSA) reminds producers to timely report any prevented or failed acreage to the FSA office.

Producers may contact the Jackson County FSA Office at 715-284-4515 if they have any questions about prevented and failed reporting or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

ATTENTION

Ho-Chunk Health Department PATIENTS & CUSTOMERS

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center &

House of Wellness clinics & other Health Offices

Will be closed on Wed-June 30, 2010

Please plan accordingly.

HO-CHUNK NATION

FREE Clean Sweep

Acceptable Products

1. Oil Based Paints and Paint Related Material
2. Latex Paints and Paint Related Material
3. Non-Flammable and Flammable Solvents
4. Pesticides and Herbicides
5. PCB Containing Products
6. Gasoline & 2 Cycle Oil, Fuel Oil, Diesel Fuel
7. Batteries (Alkaline, Ni-Cad, Lithium, Mercury, Car & Lead)
8. Fluorescent Lamps & Ballasts (All Types)
9. Corrosive Material (Acids & Alkaline)
10. Ethylene Glycol (Antifreeze)
11. Cleaners
12. Mercury (Elemental & Compounds)
13. Diesel Related Material (Pests & Silos)
14. Aerosols (All Types)
15. Oxidizers & Organic Peroxides (Hardening Agents, Hydrogen Peroxides, etc...)
16. Oils

Unacceptable

1. Explosives (Includes Ammunition)
2. Shock Sensitive Materials (Pieric Acid, Nitrocellulose)
3. Biological/Medical Materials (Red Bag Waste)
4. Pressurized Cylinders
5. Radioactive Materials
6. Smoke Alarms

The Ho-Chunk Nation Clean Sweep Program is sponsored by the Office of Environmental Health and the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HCHCDA). Each participant will receive a **prize** and the participant with largest quantity of material will receive an **OEH Jacket**.

Clean Sweep Dates & Times

Sand Pillow	June 3rd	2-4 PM	Community Center Parking Lot
Indian Mission	June 3rd	4:30-6:30 PM	Tribal Aging Unit Parking Lot
Blue Wing	June 12th	9-11 AM	Community Center Parking Lot
Cex' Ha Ci	June 12th	1-3 PM	TAU/Headstart Parking Lot
Indian Heights	June 19th	9-11 AM	Community Center
Winnebago Heights	June 19th	12:30-2:30 PM	Tribal Aging Unit Parking Lot
Ho-Chunk Village	June 19th	3-5 PM	House of Wellness Parking Lot

Program Information

The Clean Sweep Program is intended for **household hazardous waste only**. The Contractor will not accept business, agricultural, or industrial waste. Any household that plans on bringing a large quantity of material to the Clean Sweep should contact either Kevin Gunderson or Neil Whitegull.

Ho-Chunk Office of Environmental Health
Kevin Gunderson
PO Box 636
W9850 Airport Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency
Neil Whitegull
PO Box 730
Tomah, WI 54660
800-236-2260



Annual Pinaga Tournament

Submitted by Sadie Winneshiek

On Wednesday, April 28, a pinaga tournament was held at the District 1 Community Center. Andy Thundercloud and Curtis Lucky Redbird were the First Place Champions. Jimmy Blackdeer and Charlee Winneshiek won second place, and took home the biggest trophy. Mike Littlewolf and Chris Greyhair won third place. One contestant (RA) said, "You can beat skill, but you can't beat luck, and another contestant was going to accidentally bump into the trophies (SB). Flee and Muggs said to watch out for them next year. The snacks were delicious and a great time was held by all.



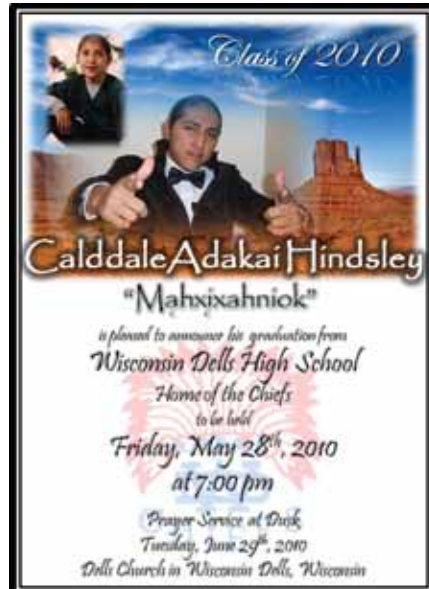
Andy Thundercloud and Curtis Lucky Redbird



Jimmy Blackdeer and Charlee Winneshiek



Mike Littlewolf and Chris Greyhair



Jim/Hank Smoke Bowling Tournament



First Place Winners: Stephanie Troyer, Vincent Pettibone, Vicki Greendeer, Waylon Pettibone and Capt. Patrick Houghton

On April 10, 2010 we held our annual Jim/Hank Smoke Bowling Tournament. This was our ninth year, we are looking forward to a greater year because next year will be our tenth.

We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions as they have done in the past.

Majestic Pines, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Rainbow Casino, Bruce Gilson for the use of Strike Zone, and of course all of the people who purchased our raffle tickets. The first place winners for the tee-shirt contest was the Surad Team. High Men's - Dennis Rockman and High Women's - Shirley Petersen.

Thank you Again.

Qi-pi-ske-pinagigiwei

*Happy Birthday
To my son Chris, niece Clarissa and lil sis Lisa*



*Wishing you all a happy birthday and many more to come.
Wishing you were here Clarissa
Love, Mia, Benny & the jets*

Verna (Lorie) Rieder

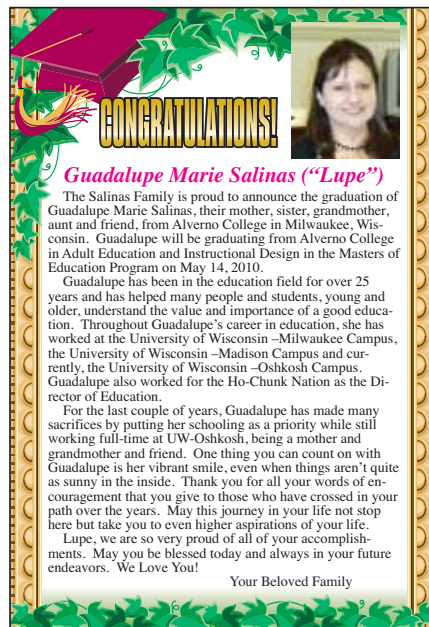
Verna (Lorie) Rieder relocated to Tulsa, OK, in 1997. "It has been a very expressive walk of faith where God's love has been limitless!" states Lorie. Thirteen years later finds Lorie a very active participant in a Native American ministry named Two Rivers Native American Training Center and Morning Star Church of All Nations.

Lorie hosted the HoCak Nation Spirit Wind Prayer Day on Wednesday April 28, 2010. This is the third year that Lorie has hosted a Spirit Wind Event and Prayer Day! It is a concept of faith which was derived by Rev. Dr. Negiel Bigpond, and other native leaders in 2002 as a prayer day focusing on the Five Civilized Tribes from the Trail of Tears and their leaders.

It is celebrated by emphasizing each tribe's contributions to society and to provide a dinner. The old adage says, "Bloom where you are planted.....", so Lorie embraced this ideal. She extended an invitation to all homeland in Wisconsin who were able to attend and to Native Americans in Oklahoma.

The Two Rivers Native American Training Center provides specialized training for 568 Native American tribes to build relationships within the borders of the United States and Canada. Our Heavenly Father God through the Holy Spirit has orchestrated life changing results in multiple salvations, phenomenal healings, dramatic discipleship training and missionary outreach experiences.

Verna (Lorie) became an ordained minister on November 14, 2009 at the Morning Star Church of All Nations. She plays a vital role in the supernatural gifting of prophecy, teaching and preaching the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ speaking in her fluent HoCak language with interpretation in English as her second language. Her email is voice.mxl20@cox.net



Miss Wisconsin Teen Pageant Contestant Margarita Hernandez-White

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Member, Margarita Tianna Hernandez-White was born to Kathy White and Francisco Hernandez on December 23, 1993. A sophomore at the Black River Falls High School, Margarita has maintained a 4.0 GPA since the 6th grade. While staying busy with her academics, attending powwows, involvement in cross-country and track and field, she is also captain of the basketball and football cheer-leading squad.

Besides being very involved academically and athletically, Margarita has found a new love and talent which is modeling. In the summer of 2009, Margarita attended the Barbizon Modeling School in Chicago, IL. She decided to work with Barbizon because it was highly recommended by her grandmother, who also worked with them in her younger years, and later attended a school in Eau Claire because it was closer to her home.

While attending the Barbizon Modeling School in Eau Claire, Margarita learned a lot. For instance, she learned how to walk on a runway, proper etiquette and posture during an interview, personal hygiene, make-up, clothes and fashion. Upon completion and graduation from Barbizon, a modeling fashion show is held by the students.

In December 2009, after graduating from Barbizon, Margarita attended a Modeling and Acting Competition which had over 50 different companies in Chicago, Illinois and she had 13 call backs. One of those call backs was from Ford Models based out of Chicago, Illinois. Margarita made the decision to go with Ford because they are a more diverse modeling company, they have a good reputation, and they are also closest to home.

In August 2010, Margarita will be going on an International Modeling and Talent cruise, a good opportunity for scouts and agents to get a chance to meet the models in

competition. Margarita is looking forward to the opportunity to hopefully get exposure to other companies and because she likes meeting new faces.

Currently Margarita is juggling her academics and modeling. Due to modeling taking up most of her free time, she did not participate in track and field this year. Staying healthy is one of her top priorities so she stays on a balanced diet and makes sure she does not eat any junk food. In order to stay fit, Margarita keeps up on her exercise by dancing at least an hour a day. She loves dancing so much she said, "My ultimate dream job is to be a choreographer and have my own dance studio."

Other goals and plans for Margarita after high school are to attend a four year Ivy League school such as Berkeley University or Princeton University. She plans to study Dance, Law and Politics, and Marine Biology. Her biggest modeling event coming up is being chosen as a contestant



Kathy White and Francisco Hernandez stand proudly with their daughter and Miss Wisconsin Teen Pageant Contestant, Margarita Hernandez-White.

in the Miss Wisconsin Teen Pageant, held July 10-11, 2010 in Madison, Wisconsin.

Margarita notes that her parents have been her heroes. She has had the support of her family and friends throughout the beginning of her modeling career and is now looking for

support from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Margarita is in need of sponsors for the pageant; if you would like to help sponsor her you can reach Margarita at: W8886 Decorah Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615 or 715-284-8172.

High school students visit the Ho-Chunk Nation

Eliza Decorah
Staff Writer

On May 4, students from Stratford High School (rural Marathon County) and La Follette High School (Madison, WI) toured the Ho-Chunk Nation's facilities in Black River Falls, WI. Anne Thundercloud, Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer, joined the students for a ride on the bus through the Mission, Sand Pillow, the Tribal Courts, and the pow-wow grounds where they had the chance to learn about Mitchell Redcloud and the importance of his monument.

The next stop was at the

Tribal Office Building where they were greeted and welcomed by HCN's President Wilfrid Cleveland. Gordon Thunder also had the opportunity to share a little about the Ho-Chunk people and explained who we are, where we came from, and taught the students some Ho-Chunk words like henu, heyne, and a few other family titles.

After the students learned some Ho-Chunk vocabulary, Maynard Rave Jr. gathered together a few singers and drummers and performed the welcome song and an honor song. The students then had a chance to participate in the

travelling song for the long trip home.

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member, Betty Kingsley, made forty daisy bracelets for the students and teachers as a parting gift and as a thank you for visiting the Ho-Chunk Nation and learning about our culture. Teachers and students expressed their thanks and were very grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for sharing the culture with them and were very excited to be welcomed back.

Thank you to all who participated in making the tour a wonderful experience for everyone involved.



High School students dancing around the drum during the honor song.

2010 Graduates...

Let the Hocak Worak help celebrate your achievements. Send us your pictures!! Whether you are a head start, high school, or college graduate, send in a picture with your name, where you are graduating from, and a brief description of your future endeavors.

With so much uncertainty in the world, a heartfelt congratulation is due to all those that have made the countless sacrifices necessary to graduate. And for those that feel these efforts are unproductive, DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN DO IT!

A special section of the Hocak Worak will be used to show your achievements!

Please email or mail to the Hocak Worak by June 3rd, for the June 11th edition of the Hocak Worak.



Looking back!

A look what was in the news five, 10 and 15 years ago.

1995

Students in Black River Falls School District celebrate Native American Awareness Week.

2000

Testifying before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Ho-Chunk Nation President Jacob Lone Tree spoke out about the Committee's oversight regarding the enforcement of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act passed in 1990. The Act requires that all products which claim to be Indian made are Indian made as a means of protecting Native artisans active in the billion

dollars a year business. Current estimates suggest that 50 to 60 percent of the goods being sold as authentic Native made products are forgeries. Lone Tree and others argues that Congress needs to do a better job of protecting Native craftsman and artisans.

2005

The Osseo-Fairchild School District held a ceremony dedicating a new logo honoring Ho-Chunk ancestor Frank Thunder. The image of Frank Thunder wearing a headdress is now displayed in the commons area of the high school. Use of the image was approved by the Thunder family, longtime residents of the area.